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SUBJECT: AFGHAN PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO EUROPE, THE MIDDLE EAST,
AND SOUTH ASIA: FEBRUARY 21 TO MARCH 6

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1. ON FEBRUARY 18, RADIO AFGHANISTAN ANNOUNCED THAT PRESIDENT
MOHAMMAD DAOUD WILL BE DEPARTING "NEAR THE END OF THE WEEK"
(THE AFGHANS' STRONG SENSE OF SECURITY INHIBITS THEIR BEING ANY
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MORE PRECISE, BUR FOREIGN AMBASSADORS HAVE BEEN QUIETLY TOLD TO
BE AT THE AIRPORT FOR FAREWELL CEREMONIES ON FEBRUARY 21) FOR
STATE VISITS TO YUGOSLAVIA, LIBYA, EGYPT, INDIA, AND PAKISTAN.
NO DATES WERE RELEASED -- NOR ARE THEY LIKELY TO BE MADE PUBLIC
HERE BEFORE DAOUD'S DEPARTURE.

2. ALTHOUGH MINISTER-IN-CHARGE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS WAHEED

ABDULLAH HAD TOLD US ON FEBRUARY 13 THAT SAUDI ARABIA AND KUWAIT WOULD ALSO BE INCLUDED IN DAOUD'S ITINERARY (REFTEL), THE AFGHANS HAVE APPARENTLY NOT BEEN ABLE TO ARRANGE MUTUALLY CONVENIENT VISIT SCHEDULE WITH THOSE STATES. WHEN ASKED BY DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES ON FEBRUARY 15 WHETHER THERE WAS ANY TRUTH TO RUMORS THAT THERE WOULD BE A RIYADH STOP, THE SAUDI ARABIAN AMBASSADOR, SHAIKH ABDULLAH SALEH HABABI, APPEARED EMBARRASSED AND MUTTERED SOMETHING ABOUT KING KHALID'S HAVING TO VISIT SOME BEDOUIN TRIBAL REGIONS AT THAT TIME.
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